

Reentry to the United States without the proper documentation may be problematic.

J status: You could be permitted by the airline to board an airplane and upon arrival to the US the inspecting officer might issue Form I-515A as described above. However, you also might not be permitted by the airline to board the airplane without Form DS-2019.

It is recommended that you make every effort to retrieve your missing document(s). If you have forgotten any document, try contacting a friend or colleague who can ship it by express mail. If it has been lost or stolen, contact Academic Services to prepare and ship a duplicate. If there is not enough time for shipping, Academic Services may be able to scan and email a copy to you with a letter confirming your Salk appointment/employment and nonimmigrant status.

In the absence of the immigration document, gather any documentation (copy or original) that demonstrates your association with the Salk Institute (e.g. copy of USCIS approval notices, letters, email messages from your Salk email account, Salk ID, Salk business card, or Salk pay stubs). Contact Academic Services for further information and assistance. Any time you present a photocopy to an immigration officer, be sure to first declare that you are presenting a photocopy (and the reason you do not have the original, for example, because it has been misplaced, lost, or stolen). Boarding a flight and entry to the US are at the discretion of the airline and CBP.

Photocopies of lost or stolen passports are not sufficient for reentry. If your passport is missing you will have to:

- postpone travel until a new passport can be obtained from your home country government.
- obtain a new US visa (stamp) for the corresponding nonimmigrant status from a US embassy or consulate.